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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation Between Mr. Llewellyn Thompson and Mr. Charles Yost of the Department of State and Mr. Wisner and Mr. Roosevelt

1. Referring to Admiral Hillenkoetter's memorandum to the Department of State concerning Greek intentions toward the Free Albanian Committee, Mr. Thompson said that this requires more than an instruction to the ☐ to keep its hands off. It also calls for a strong representation to the Greek Government at a political level. Mr. Thompson said that this was the kind of situation which might develop into something really nasty, and that although representations to the Greeks might not be effective, particularly if the British are meddling in the business, it was important to make a strong statement for the record.

2. Mr. Yost said that Mr. Jellicoe reported recently that Peake had talked with Kardelj on 30 December. Kardelj reportedly stated that Yugoslavia was not interfering in the Albanian situation, and that any overthrow of Hodja was to come as a result of Albanian initiative.

3. Mr. Thompson said that a French representative had recently called upon the Department of State to report that the Italians told the French that they fear that the British are up to some measures directed at Albania in collaboration with the Greeks and the Yugoslavs, and that these measures might be to Italy's detriment. The Italians apparently indicated to the French that they intended to take this matter up with the United States. Mr. Wisner suggested that we might check upon this matter by inquiring on a service level of the Italians.

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4. It was agreed

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4. It was agreed that OPC would prepare a redraft of paragraph 7-b-(7) of the Albanian policy directive for Mr. Thompson's use in his forthcoming talk with a British Embassy representative.

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